



General Assembly

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LCO No. 4261



Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Introduced by:
(FIN)

AN ACT CLARIFYING THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE FEES ALLOWED TO PRIVATE AND NONPROFIT ENTITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-60u of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, the
4 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may authorize any
5 state agency to enter into agreements with private and nonprofit
6 entities to facilitate the public's utilization of government services and
7 programs electronically. Any agency seeking authorization to enter
8 into such an agreement shall select entities to participate in such
9 agreements on the basis of competitive bidding or competitive
10 negotiation prior to seeking such authorization. Each such agency shall
11 provide notice of such solicitation for competitive bids or request for
12 proposals in a form and manner that the secretary determines will
13 maximize public participation in the competitive bidding or

14 competitive negotiation process. Under such agreements, the state may
15 allow entities to collect any applicable statutory or regulatory fees
16 owed to the state and to remit such amounts as defined in statute. The
17 agreement also may allow an entity to charge an administrative fee,
18 which shall be deposited into the General Fund, provided any
19 administrative fee to utilize a government service or program
20 electronically is approved by the [Finance Advisory Committee] joint
21 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
22 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding before it is imposed.

23 (b) Any such agreement authorized under this section shall comply
24 with the provisions of chapter 14 and shall ensure the public retains
25 the ability to access government services and programs using
26 nonelectronic means. The secretary shall not authorize any agreement
27 that adversely affects the ability of individuals to apply for or receive
28 assistance or benefits from the Department of Social Services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	4-60u

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify the approval process allowing private and nonprofit entities to charge an administrative fee while collecting statutory or regulatory fees owed to the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]